

**Proposed Amendment
To the Charter of the SOUTHWEST ALASKA NETWORK**

Amendment 2.**RE: Clause III. COMPOSITION OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

This amendment changes the number of representatives from each network park from two to one. The park representative will be the Chief of Resource Management or his/her delegate from the park.

1. Justification

Permanent natural resources staff at each of the SWAN parks number 2-4. Consequently, staff members must function in multiple roles and have difficulty maintaining an active role in regional or network projects. Availability of Park staff is further compromised by turnovers and the slow process of backfilling vacancies. SWAN park staff are distributed in several rural Alaska locations and travel for King Salmon and Port Alsworth-based staff involves expensive and difficult (weather-dependent) air logistics. This amendment reduces network travel costs and the workload on Anchorage-based network staff associated with scheduling committee meetings, securing meeting facilities, and preparing meeting materials.

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